

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION**

WILLIAM D. FOX,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DENISE A. ASKREN,
Defendant.

Case No. 1:13-cv-872

Black, J.
Litkovitz, M.J.

**REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION**

This matter is before the Court following a status conference held on April 29, 2014.


Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, initiated this action in the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas for the State of Ohio raising a state law malicious prosecution claim against defendant Denise A. Askren and a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 false arrest claim against defendants Sergeant Leslie Smith and the New Richmond Police Department. (Doc. 1, Ex. 2, Complaint). Defendants Smith and the New Richmond Police Department subsequently removed the matter to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 as plaintiff's false arrest claim involved a federal question. During the status conference, the parties apprised the Court that plaintiff had reached a settlement with defendants Sergeant Leslie Smith and the New Richmond Police Department and that a stipulation of dismissal had been filed regarding his federal claim against these defendants. *See* Doc. 19, Stipulation of Dismissal. Consequently, plaintiff's sole remaining claim is the state law malicious prosecution claim against defendant Denise Askren.

At the time this matter was removed from the State court, this Court properly had subject matter jurisdiction over plaintiff's federal law claim. However, "when all federal-law claims have dropped out of the lawsuit in its early stages and only state-law claims remain," a federal court may exercise its discretion to remand the matter back to State court. *Carnegie-Mellon Univ. v. Cohill*, 484 U.S. 343, 350 (1988). The Court should consider "the values of judicial

economy, convenience, fairness, and comity in order to decide whether to exercise” its pendent jurisdiction over the remaining state law claims. *Id.*, citing *Mine Workers v. Gibbs*, 383 U.S. 715, 726-27 (1966). “When the single federal-law claim in the action was eliminated at an early stage of the litigation, the District Court had a powerful reason to choose not to continue to exercise jurisdiction.” *Id.* at 351.

The instant matter was filed less than six months ago and discovery is in its early stages and not set to close for another seven more months. (Doc. 13, Calendar Order). Further, the only remaining claim involves issues arising under state law. Given these circumstances, the undersigned **HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT** the Court exercise its discretion to remand this case back to the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas for the State of Ohio.

Date: 5/2/14


Karen L. Litkovitz
United States Magistrate Judge

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